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1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 50.065 (2) (bb), 50.065 (2) (bd), 50.065 (4m) (c), 50.065 (6) (am)
2 and 50.065 (6) (c) of the statutes; **relating to:** caregiver background
3 information and providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

4 **SECTION 1.** 50.065 (2) (bb) of the statutes is amended to read:
5 50.065 (2) (bb) If information obtained under par. (am) or (b) indicates a charge
6 of a serious crime, but does not completely and clearly indicate the final disposition
7 of the charge, the department or entity shall make every reasonable effort to contact
8 the clerk of courts to determine the final disposition of the charge. If a background
9 information form under sub. (6) (a) or (am), or any disclosure made pursuant to a
10 disclosure policy described under sub. (6) (am), indicates a charge or a conviction of

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1 a serious crime, but information obtained under par. (am) or (b) does not indicate
2 such a charge or conviction, the department or entity shall make every reasonable
3 effort to contact the clerk of courts to obtain a copy of the criminal complaint and the
4 final disposition of the complaint. If information obtained under par. (am) or (b), a
5 background information form under sub. (6) (a) or (am), any disclosure made
6 pursuant to a disclosure policy described under sub. (6) (am), or any other
7 information indicates a conviction of a violation of s. 940.19 (1), 940.195, 940.20,
8 941.30, 942.08, 947.01 or 947.013 obtained not more than 5 years before the date on
9 which that information was obtained, the department or entity shall make every
10 reasonable effort to contact the clerk of courts to obtain a copy of the criminal
11 complaint and judgment of conviction relating to that violation.

12 **SECTION 2.** 50.065 (2) (bd) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 50.065 (2) (bd) Notwithstanding pars. (am) and (b) 1., the department is not
14 required to obtain the information specified in par. (am) 1. to 5., and an entity is not
15 required to obtain the information specified in par. (b) 1. to 5., with respect to a person
16 under 18 years of age whose background information form under sub. (6) (am), or
17 whose response or lack of response to a disclosure policy described under sub. (6)
18 (am), indicates that the person is not ineligible to be employed, contracted with or
19 permitted to reside at an entity for a reason specified in sub. (4m) (b) 1. to 5. and with
20 respect to whom the department or entity otherwise has no reason to believe that the
21 person is ineligible to be employed, contracted with or permitted to reside at an entity
22 for any of those reasons. This paragraph does not preclude the department from
23 obtaining, at its discretion, the information specified in par. (am) 1. to 5. with respect
24 to a person described in this paragraph who is a nonclient resident or a prospective
25 nonclient resident of an entity.

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1 **SECTION 3.** 50.065 (4m) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 50.065 **(4m)** (c) If the background information form completed by a person
3 under sub. (6) (am), or a person's response or lack of response to a disclosure policy
4 described under sub. (6) (am), indicates that the person is not ineligible to be
5 employed or contracted with for a reason specified in par. (b) 1. to 5., an entity may
6 employ or contract with the person for not more than 60 days pending the receipt of
7 the information sought under sub. (2) (b). If the background information form
8 completed by a person under sub. (6) (am), or a person's response or lack of response
9 to a disclosure policy described under sub. (6) (am), indicates that the person is not
10 ineligible to be permitted to reside at an entity for a reason specified in par. (b) 1. to
11 5. and if an entity otherwise has no reason to believe that the person is ineligible to
12 be permitted to reside at an entity for any of those reasons, the entity may permit
13 the person to reside at the entity for not more than 60 days pending receipt of the
14 information sought under sub. (2) (am). An entity shall provide supervision for a
15 person who is employed or contracted with or permitted to reside as permitted under
16 this paragraph.

17 **SECTION 4.** 50.065 (6) (am) of the statutes is amended to read:

18 50.065 **(6)** (am) Every 4 years an entity shall require its caregivers and
19 nonclient residents to complete a background information form that is provided to
20 the entity by the department, except that an entity need not require those caregivers
21 to whom par. (b) does not apply to complete the form if the entity requires the
22 caregivers to disclose to the entity, in writing, all information requested on the form
23 and notifies the caregivers annually of the disclosure requirement.

24 **SECTION 5.** 50.065 (6) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

50.065 **(6)** (c) A person who provides false information on a background information form required under this subsection or a caregiver who fails to report information as required under a disclosure policy described under par. (am) may be required to forfeit not more than \$1,000 and may be subject to other sanctions specified by the department by rule.

SECTION 6. Initial applicability.

(1) The treatment of section 50.065 (6) (c) of the statutes first applies to acts or omissions that occur on the effective date of this subsection.

(END)